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# FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

Friday, August 10, 2018

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To find your local NWS forecast office, go to [www.weather.gov/srh](http://www.weather.gov/srh).

## Today (Friday)

- **Scattered showers and thunderstorms with the potential for heavy rain/flash flooding across western and central TX, and NM.**

## Saturday through Tuesday

- **Scattered showers and thunderstorms with the potential for heavy rain/flash flooding across W & Central TX, and W NM on Saturday.**
- **A chance for heavy rain/flash flooding remains across parts of NM, W and Central TX and S OK Sunday and Monday. Then shifting to S OK on Tuesday.**

## Tropical Outlook

- **20% chance of tropical cyclone development through the next five days.**
- **No threat to FEMA Region VI at this time.**

# FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

Aug 10, 2018 – Aug 14, 2018



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| DAY / THREAT                   | FRI               | SAT                 | SUN                  | MON                | TUE  |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|----------------------|--------------------|------|
| Severe Storms                  |                   |                     |                      |                    |      |
| Heavy Rain /<br>Flash Flooding | NM,W & Central TX | W NM,W & Central TX | W & Central TX, S OK | W & Central TX, OK | N OK |
|                                | LA                | S OK/AR, LA & NM    |                      |                    |      |
| Excessive Heat                 |                   |                     |                      |                    |      |
| Fire Weather                   |                   |                     |                      |                    |      |
| Tropical Weather               |                   |                     |                      |                    |      |

|  |                                   |
|--|-----------------------------------|
|  | No Weather Threats Expected       |
|  | Very Common – Happens Often       |
|  | Common – Happens Frequently       |
|  | Uncommon – A Few Times a Year     |
|  | Rare – Once Every 1-5 Years       |
|  | Very Rare – Once Every 5-10 Years |

*\*Threat levels are based on FEMA Region 6 criteria.  
State or local threat level criteria may differ.\*  
For more details on the colors in the threat matrix refer to the last slide in this briefing.*



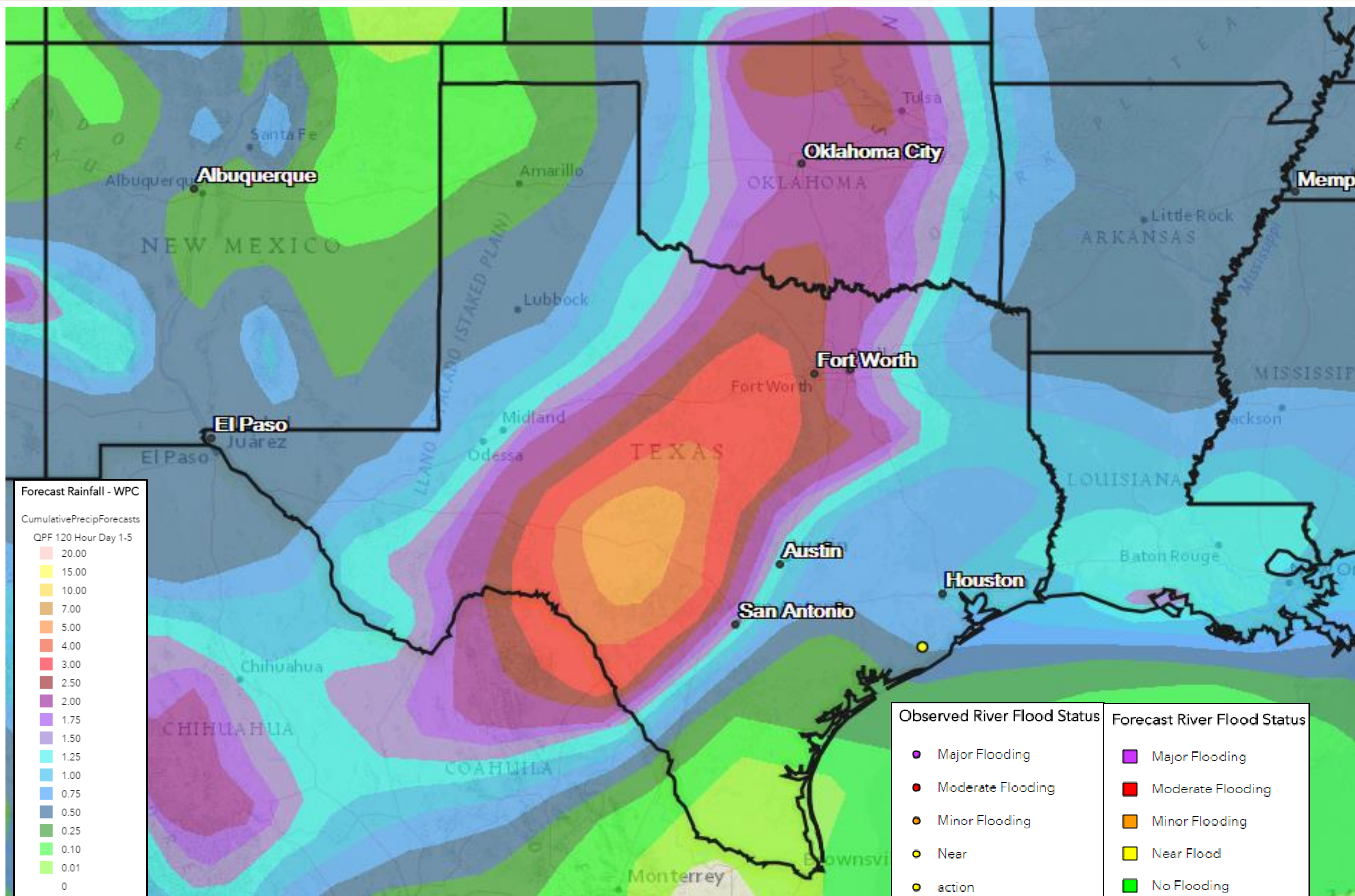
# 5-Day Precipitation Forecast & River Flood Status



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Note: Even though the image displays 5 days of forecasted rainfall, river forecasts only include 1-2 days of rainfall

**Widespread river flooding is not expected.**

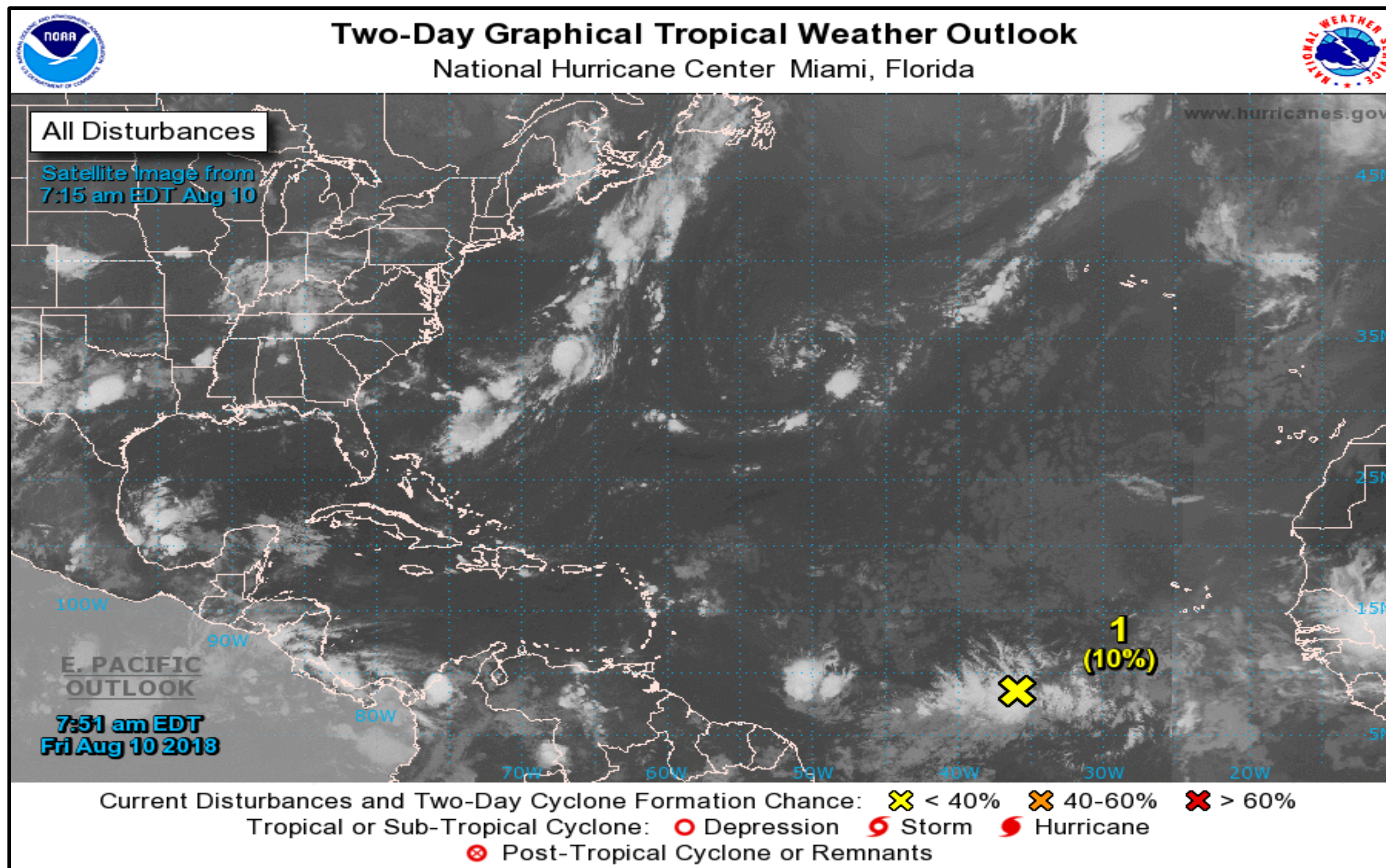




# Tropical Weather Outlook – Atlantic/Gulf

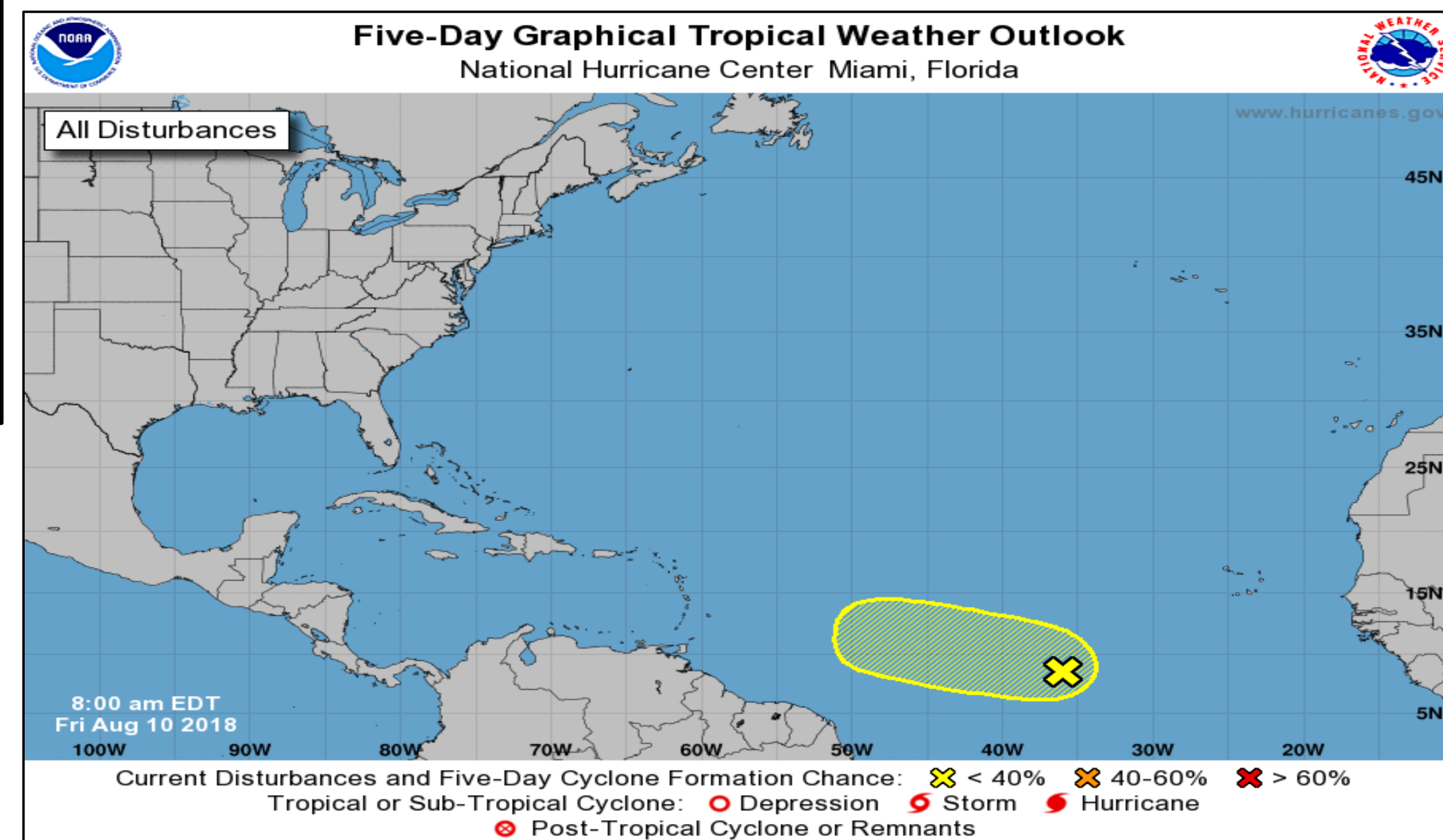


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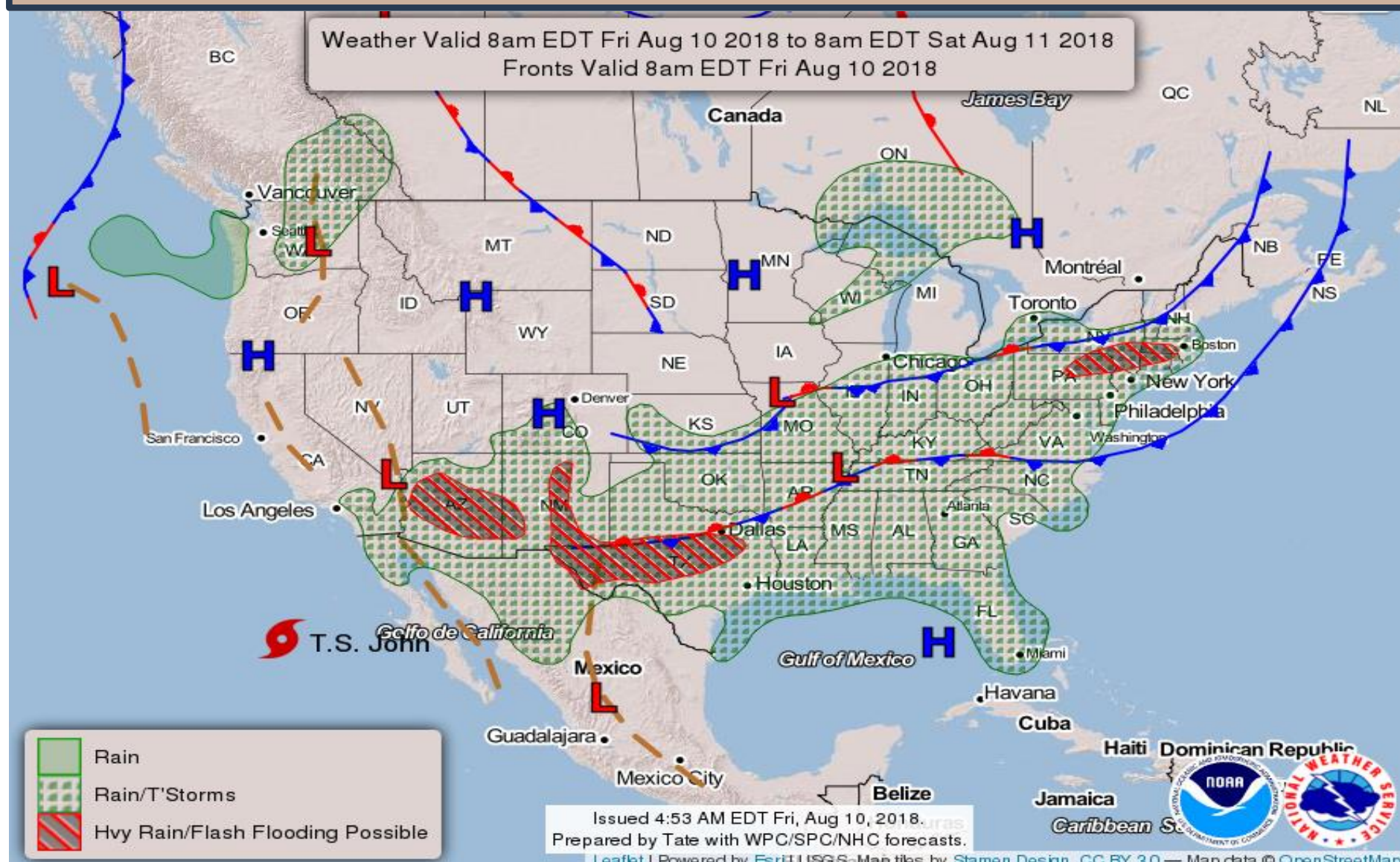


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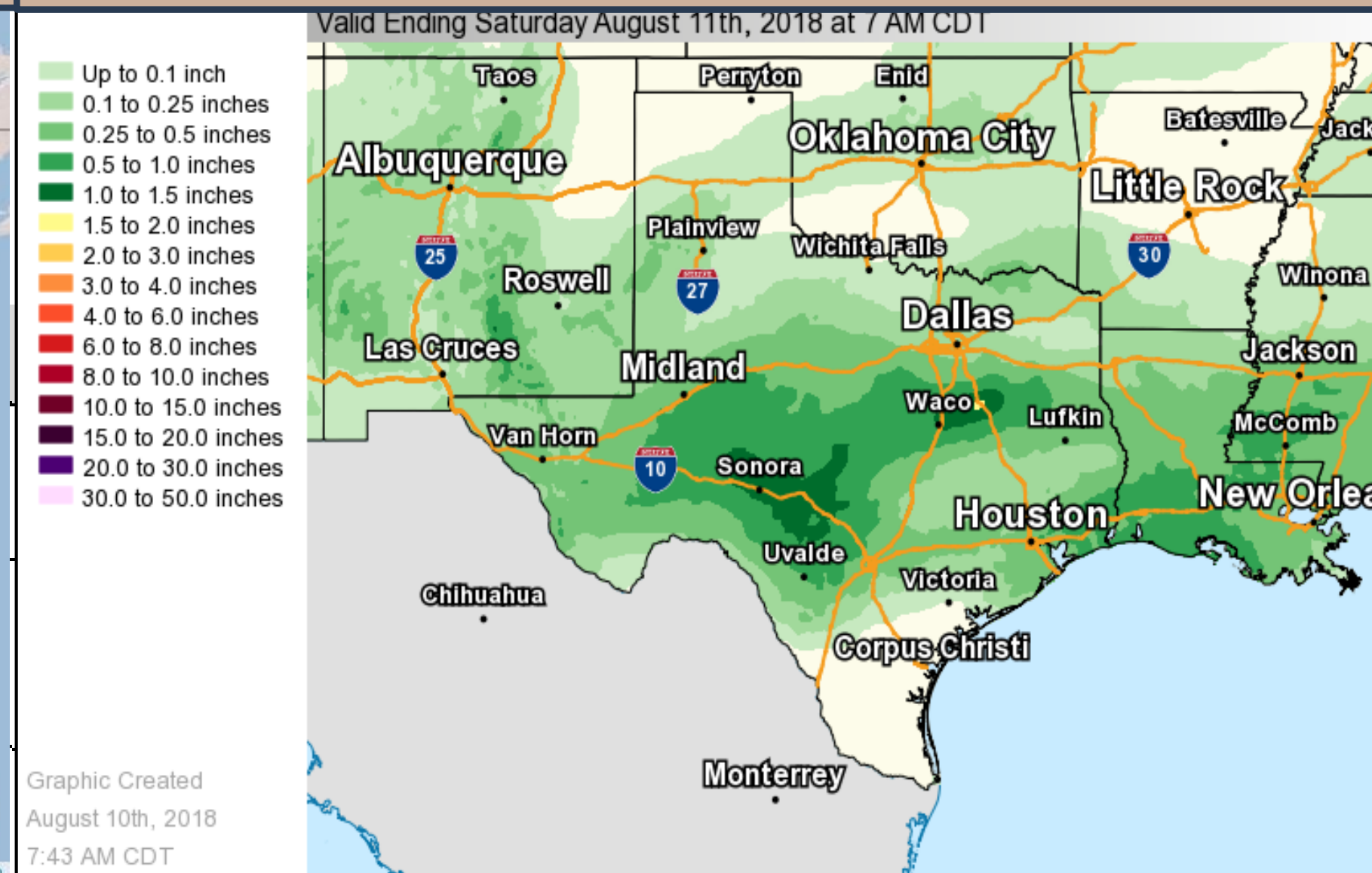


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# Forecast Chart

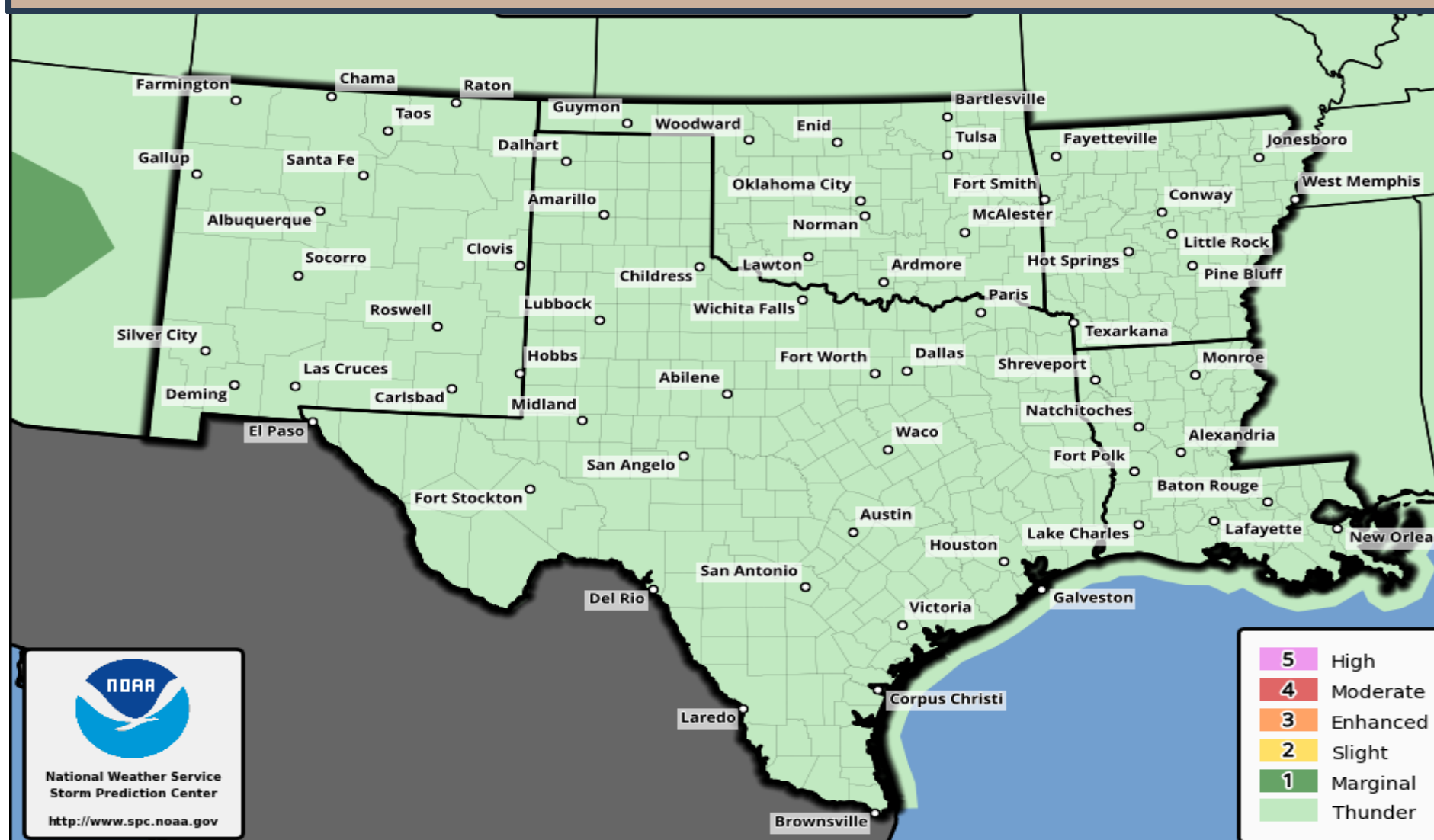


# Forecast Rainfall

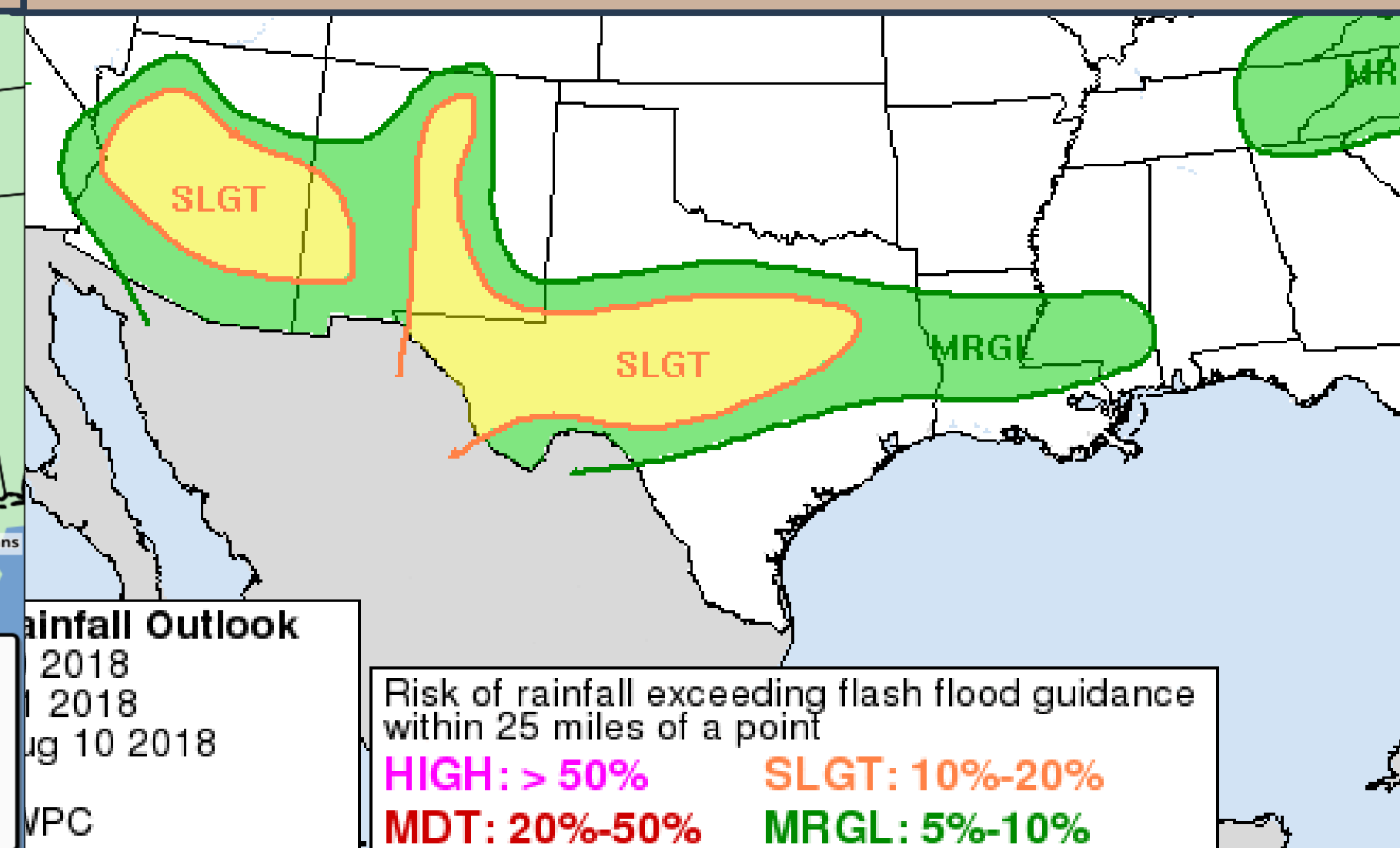


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# Severe Weather Outlook



## Excessive Rainfall Outlook





# Tomorrow's Weather

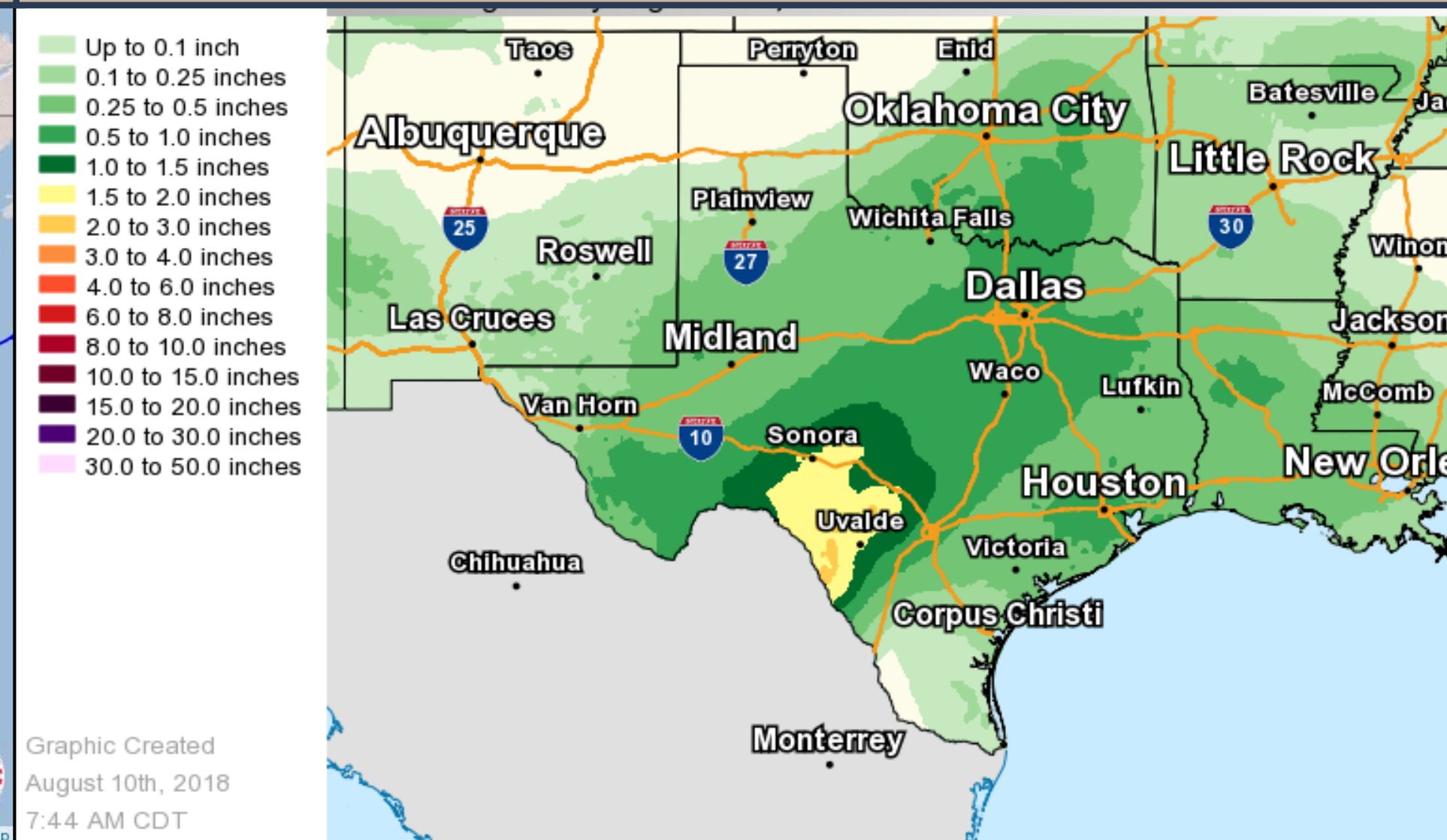
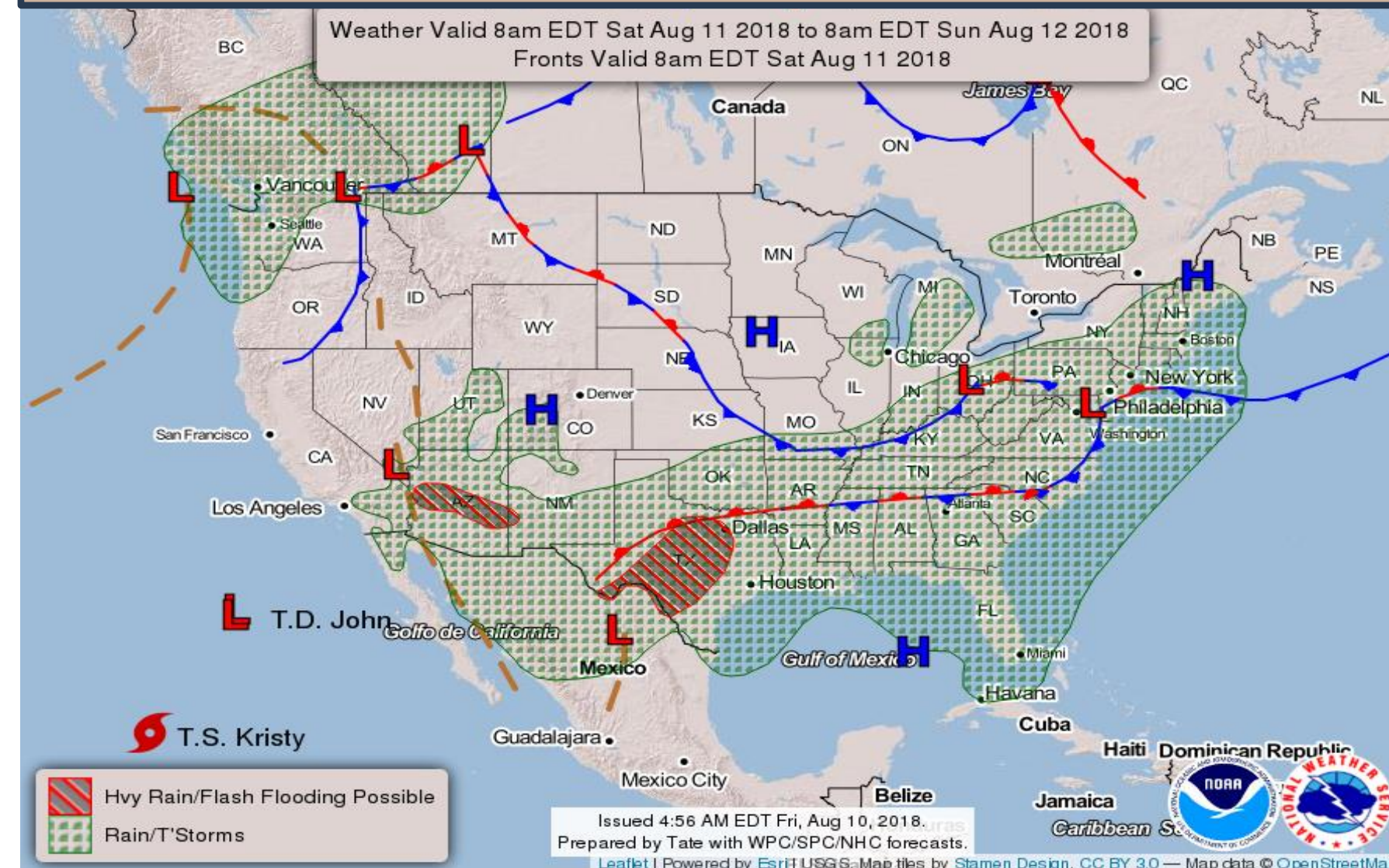


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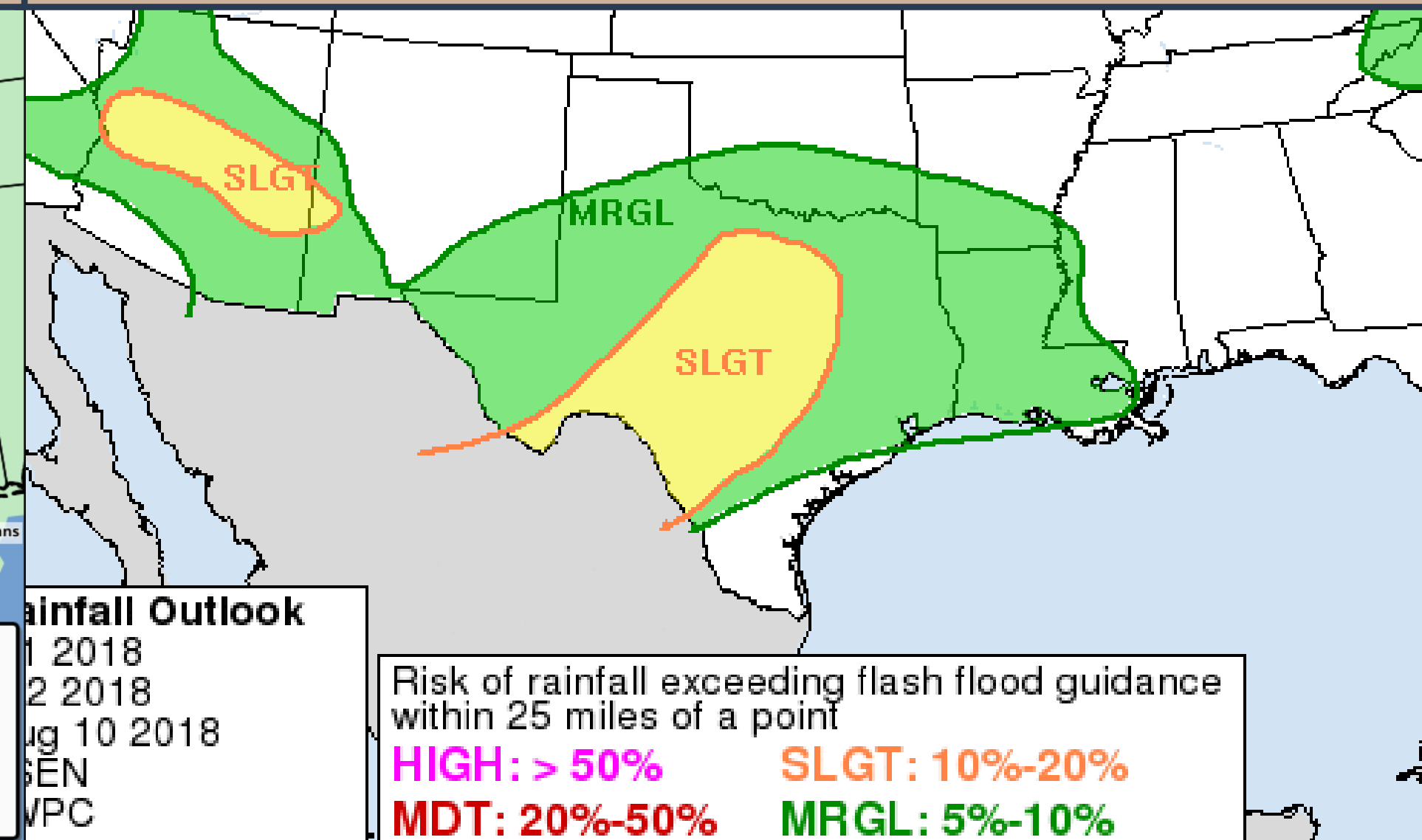
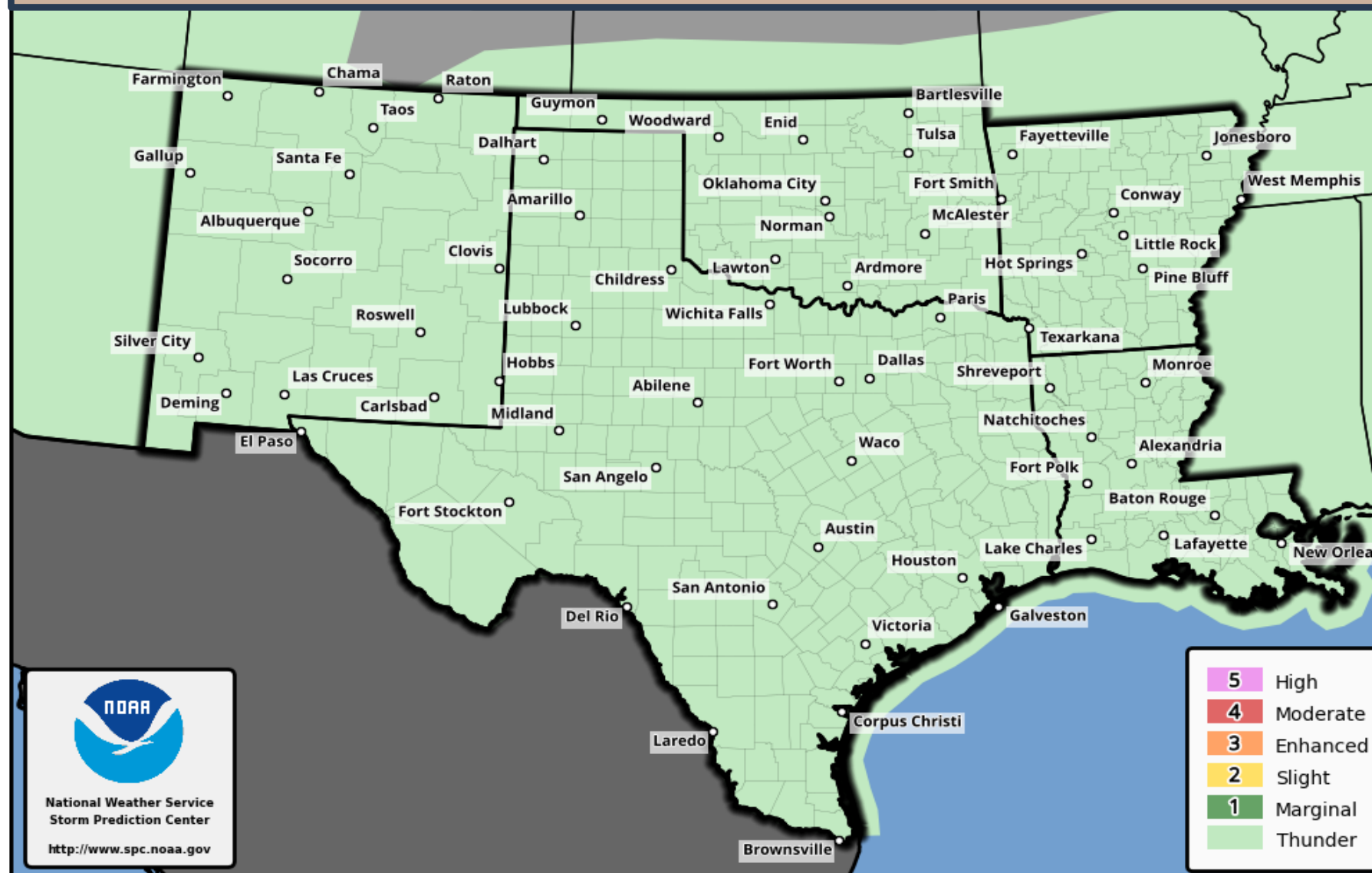
## Forecast Rainfall

**Scattered showers and thunderstorms with the potential for heavy rain/flash flooding are possible across W & Central TX and S OK.**



## Severe Weather Outlook

## Excessive Rainfall Outlook





# Sunday's Weather

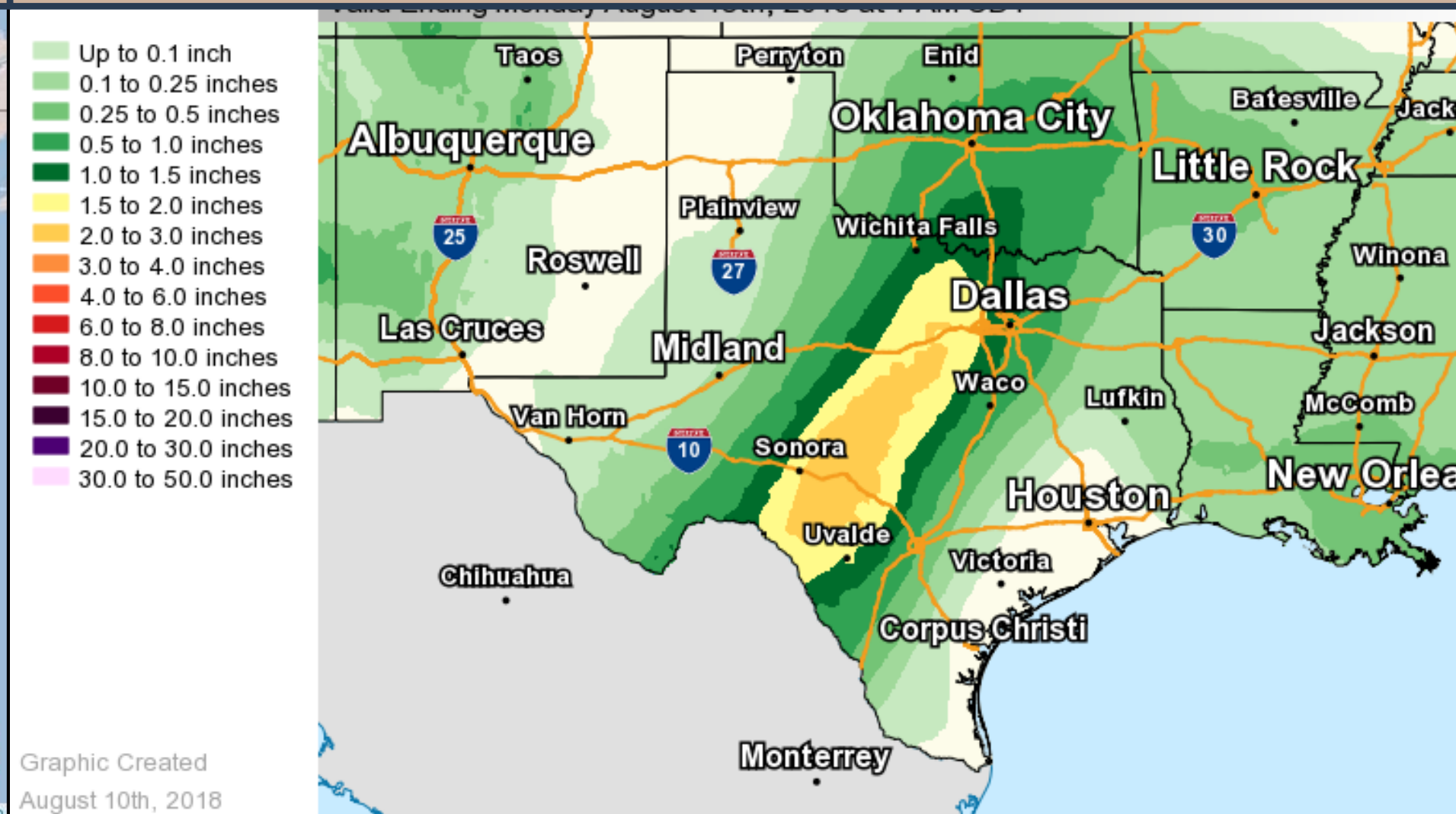
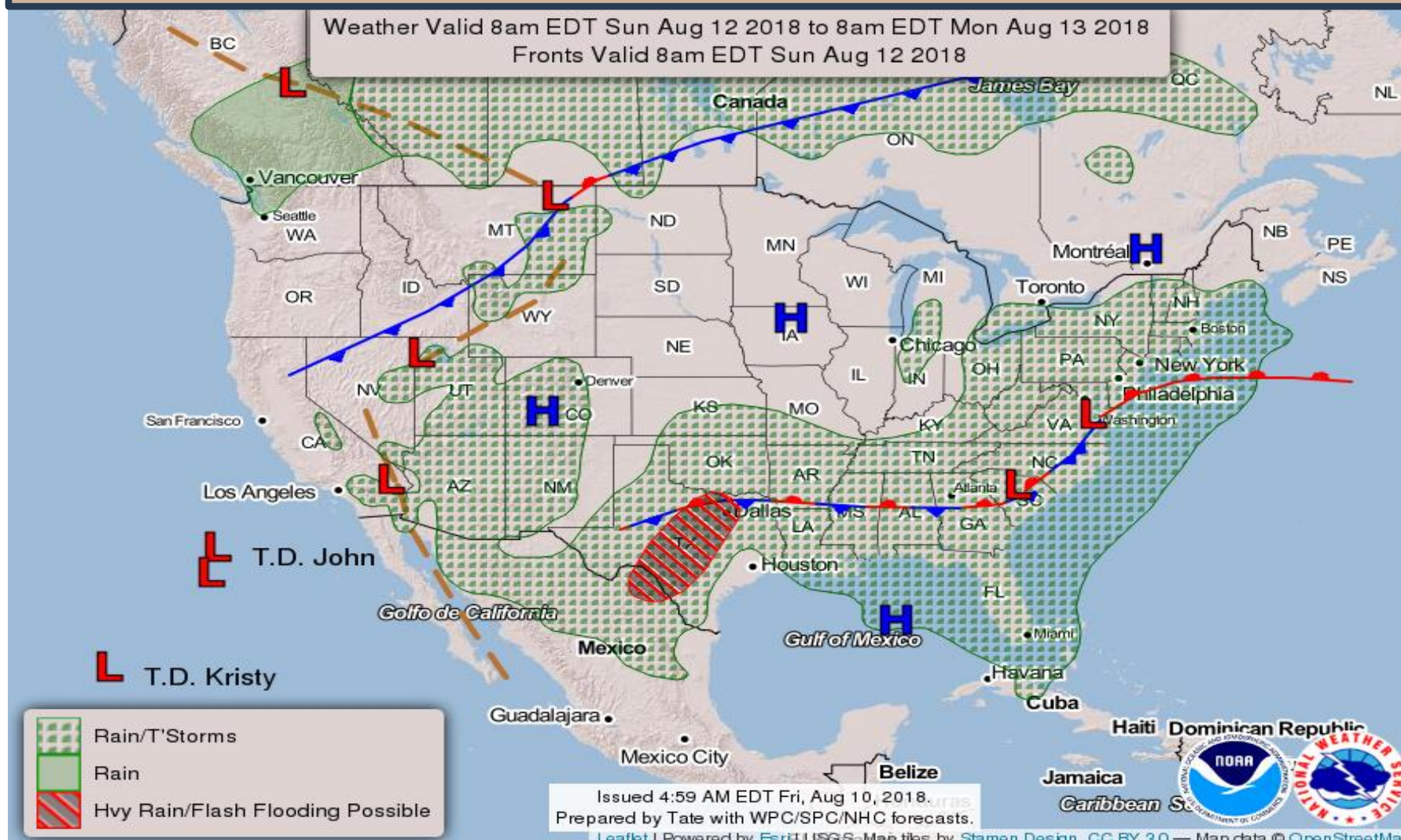


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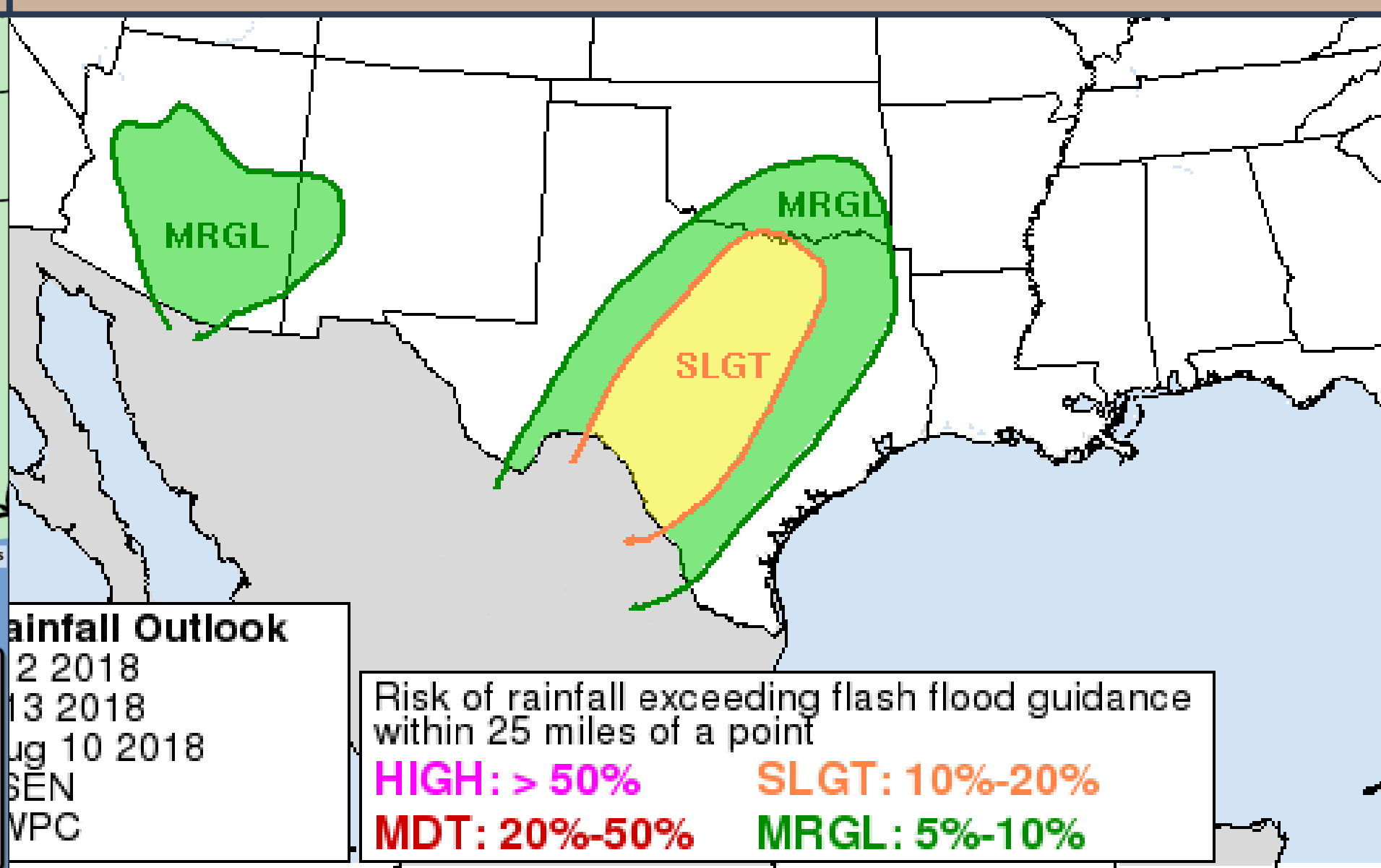
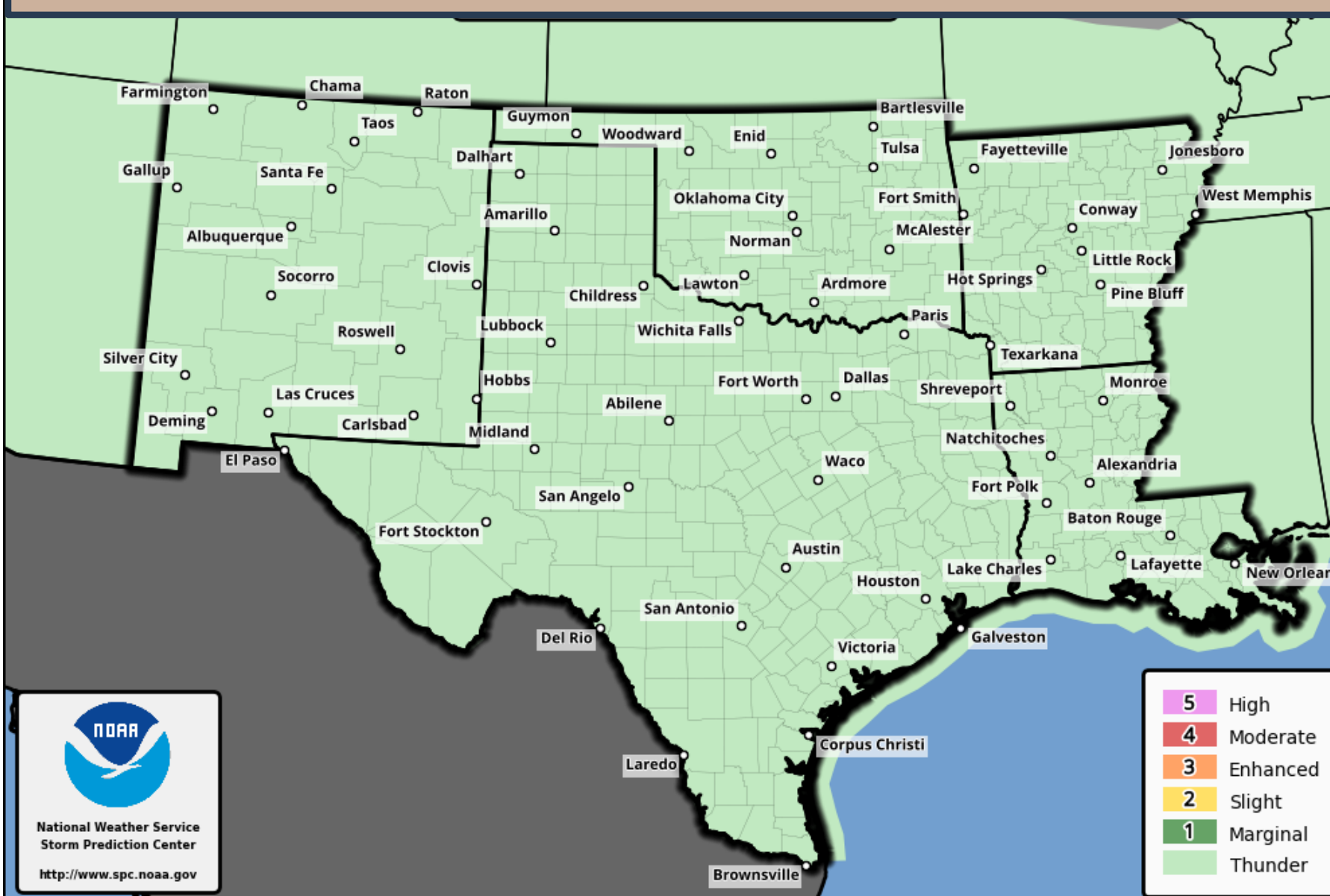
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## Severe Weather Outlook

## Excessive Rainfall Outlook





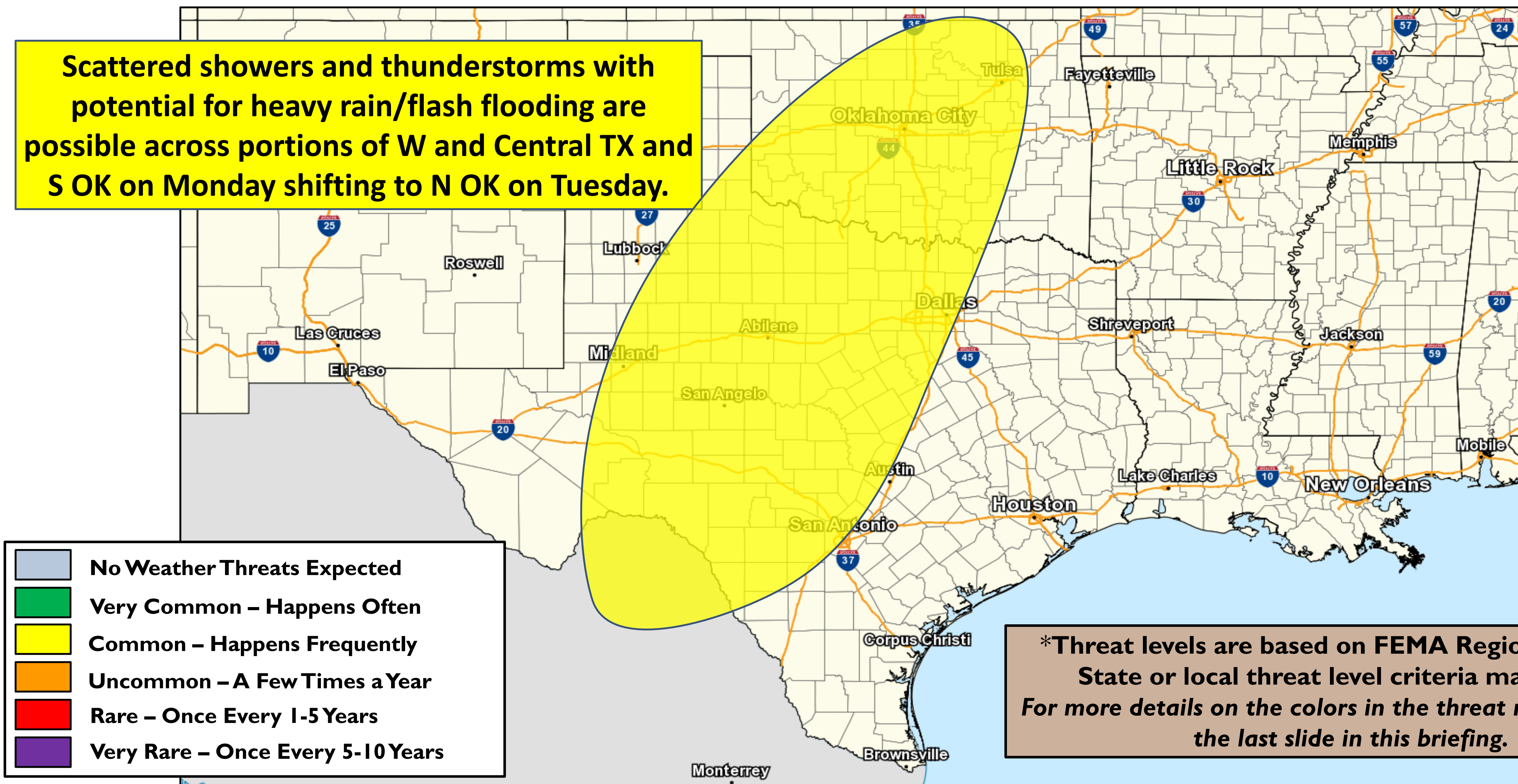
# Days 4-5 Weather Hazards

Monday-Tuesday



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Scattered showers and thunderstorms with potential for heavy rain/flash flooding are possible across portions of W and Central TX and S OK on Monday shifting to N OK on Tuesday.



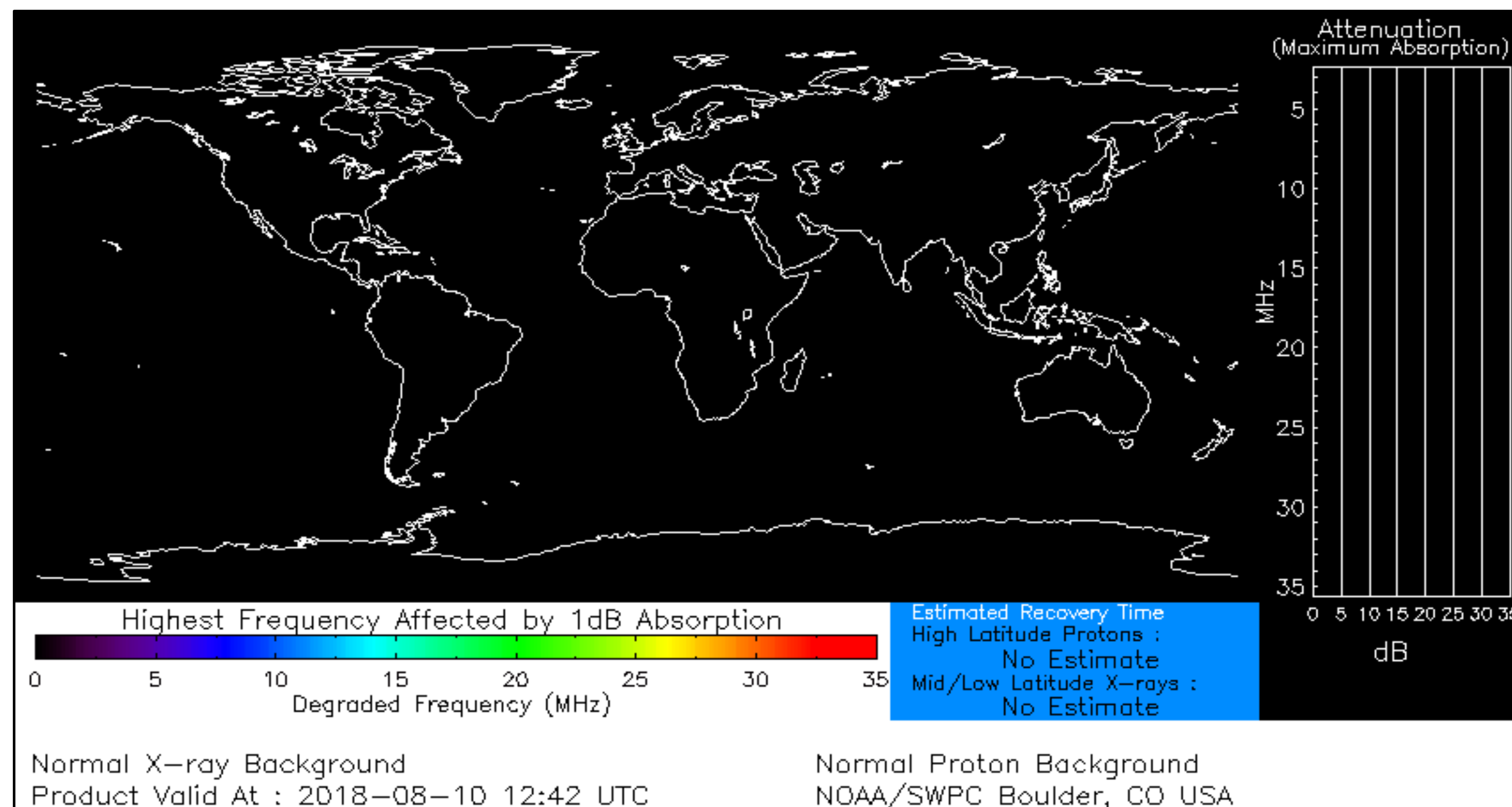


# Space Weather 3-Day Forecast



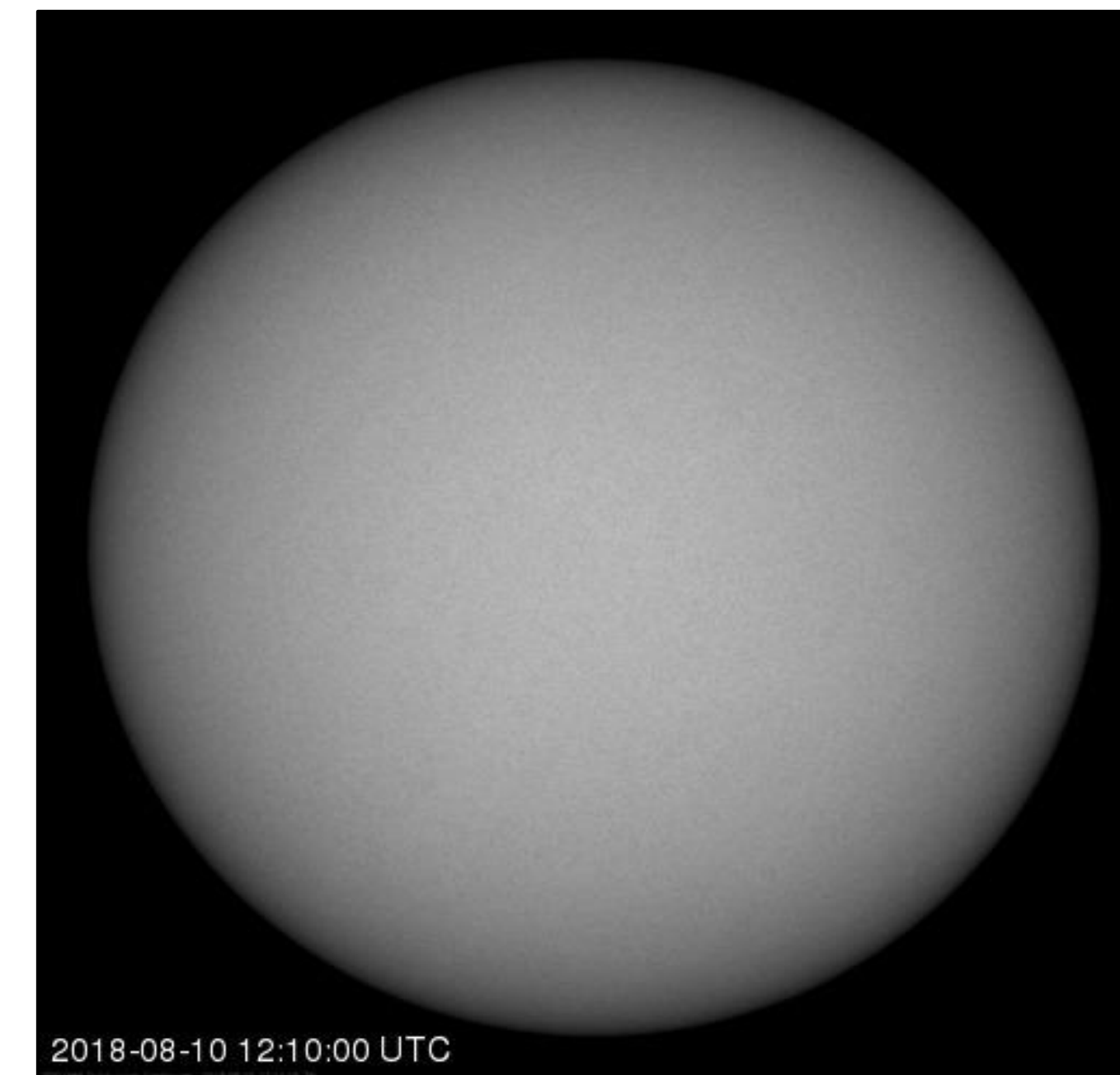
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|                                  | Friday                | Saturday              | Sunday                    |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| Geomagnetic Storms               | Quiet<br>(Max Kp = 2) | Quiet<br>(Max Kp = 2) | Unsettled<br>(Max Kp = 3) |
| Solar Radiation Storm<br>(S1-S5) | 1%                    | 1%                    | 1%                        |
| Radio Blackout (R1-R2)           | 1%                    | 1%                    | 1%                        |
| Radio Blackout (R3-R5)           | 1%                    | 1%                    | 1%                        |



[Click here for a Description of the Space Weather Storm Scales](#)

[Click here for the Latest 3-Day Space Weather Forecast Text](#)



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| Weather “Threat” Matrix |  |   |  |
|-------------------------|--|---|--|
| Color                   | Definition   | Criteria  | Example(s)   |
| Green                   | <b>Very Common</b><br>Safety: Rarely a Direct Threat to Life and Property<br>Impact Potential: Typically Results in Little Inconvenience to Daily Routines   | Severe: Marginal Risk from SPC<br>Flooding: Minor flooding expected over localized areas<br>Tropical: None<br>Fire Weather: No Watches/Warnings, fuel moisture above 10% or green up active   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Thunderstorms expected over LA this afternoon; a few may produce winds to knock down a few trees</li> <li>Something that happens almost every day in a particular season such as <u>seabreeze</u> storms in coastal TX</li> </ul>   |
| Yellow                  | <b>Somewhat Common – Happens Frequently</b><br>Safety: Rarely a Direct Threat to Life and Property<br>Impact Potential: Typically Results in Some Inconvenience to Daily Life  | Severe: Slight Risk from SPC<br>Flooding: Nuisance flooded expected for a widespread area, or Minor flooding expected over isolated areas<br>Tropical: A weak tropical wave expected to move towards or near any coastline<br>Fire Weather: Red Flag Watches/Warnings and/or SPC outlines enhanced or critical fire outlook   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2-3 inches of rainfall expected over central AR today and tonight; some minor (brief) street flooding possible</li> <li>Scattered severe storms possible, one or two tornadoes expected, along with reports of strong winds/wind damage and ~1” hail</li> </ul>   |
| Orange                  | <b>Uncommon – A Few Times a Year</b><br>Safety: Often Threatening to Life and Property, Some Damage Unavoidable<br>Impact Potential: Typically Results in Minor Disruption to Daily Life                                     | Severe: Enhanced Risk from SPC<br>Flooding: Minor flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations), or Moderate flooding expected over isolated areas<br>Tropical: A Tropical Storm expected to move towards or near any coastline<br>Fire: Critical fire outlook for more than 2 consecutive days, Warnings for 2 or more consecutive days, D3-D4 drought conditions | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A snow/sleet mix is expected to move through or near the DFW area tomorrow morning; travel impacts likely</li> <li>Numerous severe storms possible, a few tornadoes possible along with several reports of wind damage along with damaging hail</li> <li>Some large fires reported, burn bans advertised, critical conditions expected</li> </ul> |
| Red                     | <b>Rare – Once every 1-5 Years</b><br>Safety: Extensive Property Damage Likely, Life Saving Actions Also will be Needed<br>Impact Potential: Will likely result in Large Disruption to Daily Life                            | Severe: Moderate Risk from SPC<br>Flooding: Moderate flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations)<br>Tropical: A Hurricane expected to move towards or near any coastline<br>Fire: Large areas of critical conditions for 2 or more days, Warnings for 3 or more days, Severe to extreme drought  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A Category 1 hurricane will be moving towards the NW Gulf in the next few days</li> <li>Widespread severe storms likely, strong tornadoes, widespread wind damage, and destructive hail</li> <li>Large fires ongoing throughout the area with critical fire weather conditions expected to continue</li> </ul>                                    |
| Purple                  | <b>Very Rare – Once Every 5-10 Years</b><br>Safety: Property Damage Unavoidable, Immediate Action to Save Life will be Needed<br>Impact Potential: Typically Results in Long-Lived Widespread Major Disruption to Daily Life | Severe: High Risk from SPC<br>Flooding: Major flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations)<br>Tropical: A Major Hurricane (Cat3 or greater) expected to move towards or near any coastline<br>Fire: Large area of critical conditions for 2 or more days, Warnings for 3 or more days, Long term (months) of severe to extreme drought                            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A Category 4 hurricane is headed towards the SE LA; major storm surge, flooding and damaging winds anticipated to begin tomorrow</li> <li>Widespread severe storms expected, tornado outbreak probable with long-lived, very widespread and particularly intense storms</li> </ul>  |

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